

Seattle Permits

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Posting Construction Conditions on Building Sites

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When the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) imposes construction conditions on a Master Use Permit (MUP) as part of SEPA (environmental) review, those conditions are required to be posted on the site during construction.

Such conditions generally relate to minimizing impacts of the construction process on neighboring residents or businesses. They may include limitations on hours of operation, on noise and on location of parking for vehicles associated with the construction phase of the project and may require special treatment of dust and debris created by the building project.

When condition posting is required, one or more placards with the applicable conditions listed will be provided to the permittee when the building permit for a project is issued.

The permit holder's responsibilities are as follows:

1. Laminate or otherwise waterproof the placard(s) with plastic sheeting or other transparent material. Most copy stores can laminate.
2. Post placard(s) at the construction site in a location visible and accessible to the public and to construction personnel from the street right of way.
3. If more than one street or public way abuts the site, a placard must be posted at each street or public way.
4. Placards may be affixed to structures on the property line, such as job shacks, fences or posts. Placards may be free-standing on stakes if rigidly backed. Placards may not be affixed to trees or other vegetation.

5. Placards must remain legible and in place for the duration of construction.

If a placard is removed or destroyed, permit holders must obtain a replacement from the DPD Public Resource Center (PRC), located on the 20th floor of Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 Fifth Ave., (206) 684-8467. DPD staff will provide the appropriate condition text and instructions for filling out the placard.

On site, DPD's building inspector will check to make sure required placards are in place during regular inspections.

For more information on the placards, contact the PRC as detailed above.

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